

## W. H. WHITE WILL ACCEPT PLACE

Norfolk Lawyer Will be  
Head of R. F. & P.  
Railroad.

## WRITES LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE

Declares to Committee That Road  
Will Be Managed as Inde-  
pendent Property, and  
Will Be Open High-  
way for All Busi-  
ness Offering.

All the speculation concerning the prob-  
able action of Mr. William H. White, the  
recently elected president of the Rich-  
mond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Rail-  
road, with reference to his acceptance,  
has been set at rest by a positive letter  
from Mr. White to the notification com-  
mittee, in which he states he will ac-  
cept. In his letter of acceptance, Mr.  
White discusses to some extent the vari-  
ous features of the interests of the  
property and its stockholders, and winds  
up by declaring that he has determined  
to accept the position, and to discharge  
the duties as well as he can.

This will settle the question. Finally, a  
will mean that Mr. White will abandon  
his extensive law practice in Norfolk and  
come here to live, devoting practically  
all his time to the interests of the Rich-  
mond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Rail-  
road.

All interests concerned seemed to be  
pleased last night when it was known  
that Mr. White had made up his mind to  
accept. The State's interests having voted  
for him, were, of course, gratified, and  
the same could be said of all others in-  
volved.

Mr. White is regarded not only as a  
strong lawyer, but a man of fine ex-  
ecutive ability as well, and he is ex-  
ceptionally popular wherever he is known.  
Mr. White's letter of acceptance fol-  
lows:

**Letter of Acceptance.**  
Norfolk, Va., December 25, 1906.  
Messrs. Fred. W. Scott, Frank W.  
Christian, C. Lee Moore, Commit-  
tee, R. F. & P. R. Co., Rich-  
mond, Va.

Gentlemen:—Further replying to  
your notification of my election as  
president of the Richmond, Freder-  
icksburg and Potomac Railroad Com-  
pany, I desire to thank the stock-  
holders for their confidence  
shown in selecting me to preside over  
a property in which I have been  
many years interested as a stock-  
holder and also as a citizen of Vir-  
ginia.

The property is not to be measured  
by its simple mileage. It is unique.  
A very large and important factor  
in determining the strength of several  
great chains of systems of railroads.

By no means the least important  
feature of its charter is the fact that  
it is the last remnant of that primi-  
tive contribution which our Common-  
wealth gave many years ago to her  
works of internal improvement.

Virginia cherishes her interest in this  
property, and with proper pride looks  
to its life and usefulness with jealous  
care.

It is historic in its past, approaching  
modern requirements in its present,  
and the subject of large promise in its  
future.

Having received unqualified assur-  
ances from the majority of the stock-  
holders that no management can, or  
will, secure the co-operation of the  
various interests holding the stock of  
this company, unless it is managed  
as an independent property in the in-  
terest of all the stockholders, and,  
further, that the large expenditures  
made to reduce the grades and for  
the double-tracking of the road were  
made with the expectation that the  
road would become an open highway for  
all business offering, at least rates, with-  
out favor to any one interest, after  
much reflection, I have determined to  
accept the position, and will discharge  
the duties as well as I can.

Yours very respectfully,  
(Signed) W. H. WHITE.

## WILL HAVE NEW FURNITURE TARIFF

Meantime the Railroads Will  
Carry Furniture to Pacific  
Coast at Minimum.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 24.—  
An agreement has been reached by the  
Interstate Commerce Commission with  
the railroads interested regarding the  
complaint of the North Carolina Cane-  
Workers Association filed with the com-  
mission several weeks ago. The complaint  
was that on shipments of furniture from  
North Carolina and Virginia points to the  
Pacific coast the railroads demanded a  
minimum weight of furniture in 36-foot  
cars of 20,000 pounds. The weight the as-  
sociation claimed was excessive, and it  
was not possible to load a 32-foot car  
with more than 16,000 pounds of furniture.  
To-day it was agreed by representatives  
of the railroads to carry the furniture  
to Pacific coast points at the present  
low rate, with a minimum weight of 16,  
000 pounds to a car. The agreement com-  
emplates a readjustment of the rates on  
furniture, and it is said that in about  
sixty days the new tariffs will be filed  
with the commission.

## MAN, WHILE DRUNK, STRIKES WIFE ON STREET

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SALISBURY, N. C., December 24.—  
While under the influence of liquor A.  
R. Brauer, of Davidson county, brutally  
assaulted his own wife on the streets  
here to-day in the presence of a large  
crowd. He dealt her several severe  
blows and it was by strenuous efforts  
that officers on the scene prevented the  
crowd from beating Brauer. The latter  
was locked up awaiting trial.

## MERRY THRONG IN BROAD STREET

Holiday Crowds Enjoy  
Midwinter Carnival of  
Noise and Hilarity.

## LIGHT SNOW ADDS ZEST TO IT ALL

Good Order and Merriment Pre-  
vail, But Nipping Temperature  
Ended It—Occasion Was  
Without Casualty, and  
There Was Little  
Drunkenness.

The people of Richmond began the cele-  
bration of Christmas with the usual  
Christmas Eve pollution on Broad  
Street last night, and until long after  
midnight, the sound of horns and the  
intermittent explosion of firecrackers  
with frequent detonations from the "blow-  
makers" and the dynamite crackers, mur-  
dered the sleep of those who, wearied  
with a day of shopping and merry and  
preparations for to-day, may have retired  
early.

Broad Street presented a typical  
Christmas Eve scene. Up and down the  
street throngs of men and boys surged  
with horns—long or short, brass or  
tin, and with noise-making devices of  
every kind, enjoying the winter carnival.  
Everybody was in the best of humor, and  
excellent order prevailed. Few accidents  
or casualties of any kind resulted, and  
these were chiefly due to firecrackers  
and pyrotechnics. Red or green lights  
blazed now and then, illuminating the  
throngers as they during the day,  
whose stores were still thronged all  
the evening. In the parade up and down  
Broad Street, were old men and young,  
elderly women, young women and girls,  
all young in spirits, and enjoyed the  
carnival spirit to the utmost compatible  
with decorum.

## Glad to See Snow.

The light veil of snow that stole down  
after twilight and enveloped the earth  
in its sparkling wintry mantle was a  
surprise to all, being almost wholly un-  
expected, but it was a delight to the  
children and the younger element gener-  
ally, to whom it does not seem like  
Christmas without snow. The heavy fall  
was so slight, however, that it soon dis-  
appeared, adhering poorly to the porous  
granulose, so that in an hour after the  
fall there was little evidence of it save  
a slippery surface that made walking more  
precarious and caused a few jolly falls.  
The crisp, cold air made brisk motion  
the exhilarating and added elasticity to the  
hurry of the feet of the jolly celebrants.  
It also sufficed to drive them in to the  
shelter of warm, bright firesides and cook  
stoves earlier than usual. By midnight  
the throng had greatly thinned, and only a  
few kept up the jolly and obnoxious mirth.

Considering all things, the order was  
excellent, and the crowd in splendid  
mood. Everybody was indulged in a bit of  
hilarity. Of course, there was some drink-  
ing and some drunkenness, but excessive  
indulgence was rare, and indeed far less  
frequent than usual. Even those who  
had gazed upon the flowing bowl were  
but the more genial and merry in their  
effort to enjoy the evening.

## CHRISTMAS EVE AT WESTMORELAND

An Evening of Joy and Merri-  
ment for the Members of  
This Famous Club.

The historic Westmoreland Club had  
its annual Christmas Eve dinner and  
celebration last night, and, like all its  
predecessors, it was an occasion of un-  
usual pleasure and merriment to all  
the participants. Owing to the large mem-  
bership of the club, which now numbers  
over 400, no invitations were issued to  
non-members this year, but the com-  
modious and elegant home of the club  
was thronged with men and merriment  
prevailed. Even the most dignified and  
pedantic member bubbled somewhat, and  
the elder men became boys again for  
the time being and entered thoroughly  
into the spirit of the occasion.

The Westmoreland numbers among its  
membership some of the most prominent  
men in public life in Virginia, and many  
who have taken high rank in the learned  
professions, in the fields of commerce and  
industry and in every honorable vocation.  
It was a most congenial gathering that  
assembled around the well-laden board  
last night and enjoyed one of the most  
pleasurable of the club's famous, Waite  
roast, roast, roast, roast, roast, roast,  
and all the list of "Wants usually spread on  
these occasions tempted the appetite,  
while Westmoreland apple toddy and  
cognac flowed in abundance.

After doing justice to the dinner the  
diners resorted to the large hall in the  
rear, and there listened to impromptu  
speeches, songs and music, and amid  
merry laughter spent the hours till after  
the midnight chimes had rung in the  
World's great holiday. The evening  
one of the pleasantest of the long series  
that have made the Westmoreland famous  
and its old Virginia hospitality and its  
handsome entertainments.

## CHRISTMAS HUNT HAS BEEN CALLED OFF

Owing to the snow and frozen condition  
of the ground, Mr. H. C. Beattie, master  
of the Hunt Club, has called off the  
Christmas Day hunt. The fox was un-  
derfoot, and it was not possible to hold  
the hunt. There will be no performance to-day,  
as the grounds are not in a condition to  
permit of it.

## SHOT THROUGH LEG; DIES OF INJURIES

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BOWLING GREEN, VA., December  
24.—Charles Pugh, who was accidentally  
shot near Woodlawn several days ago,  
died Sunday night. He had been ampu-  
tated Sunday, and little hope was enter-  
tained of his recovery, he having lost  
so much blood before he reached home.  
He leaves a wife and several small  
children.



PLAYING A TRICK ON OLD ST. NICK.

## AGED WOMAN WAS FATALLY BURNED

Mrs. Mary Smith's Clothing Ig-  
nited by Spark From Her  
Pipe.

## BEYOND HOPE WHEN FOUND

Firemen Broke Into the House  
and Easily Extinguished the  
Flames, But Too Late.

Mrs. Mary Smith, sixty years of age,  
was burned to death in her home, No.  
297 South Washington Street, last night  
shortly after 8 o'clock.

She was smoking a pipe in the small  
room of her home and awaiting the re-  
turn of the other members of the family,  
when in some manner her dress caught  
fire. There was a light blaze immedi-  
ately, and an alarm of fire was sounded.

A chemical engine responded, and found  
all the doors of the house closed.  
The front door was forced, and the  
almost charred body of Mrs. Smith found.

Learning the condition of the aged lady,  
the firemen turned in a call for the am-  
bulance, and Dr. Huggins responded im-  
mediately.

He did what he could, but medical skill  
was of no avail. Mrs. Smith had evi-  
dently inhaled the blaze. She was be-  
yond hope when the ambulance arrived.  
Mrs. Smith was very well known in the  
neighborhood in which she resided. She  
was an inveterate smoker, and, like the  
"old school," often sat in the corner and  
smoked her clay pipe. It is supposed that  
a spark fell from the pipe and ignited  
her clothing. Certain it is that she was  
asleep before any of the furniture was set  
ablaze, or otherwise it cannot be under-  
stood why she was burned almost to a  
crisp before the chemical engine and the  
ambulance surgeon arrived.

## DID NOT ALLOW THEM TO ATTEND

Hebrew Parents Cause Sparse At-  
tendance on East Side Schools  
Pro-Christmas Session.

NEW YORK, December 24.—The agita-  
tion against Christmas celebrations in the  
public schools that has been gathering  
force for the last ten days in Hebrew  
closets found its climax to-day, when  
parents, guardians and other protectors  
of Jewish children, strongly urged and  
supported by certain East Side news-  
papers, kept their children from attending  
the pro-Christmas session to such an ex-  
tent that schools on the East Side re-  
ported a decrease in numbers ranging  
from 33.3 per cent. to 60 per cent. of  
the pupils registered.

One Hebrew principal of an East Side  
school said that the school exercises were  
not at all of a religious character, but  
consisted of an entertainment in which  
the children took part, and a distribution  
of small presents from teachers and prin-  
cipals.

## COL. PEPPER, OF KENTUCKY, DIES SUDDENLY IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, December 24.—Colonel  
James E. Pepper, the well-known distiller  
and horseman of Lexington, Ky., who,  
with his wife, left the South ten days  
ago to spend Christmas in New York,  
died at the Waldorf-Astoria to-night.  
Death was due to heart and lung trouble,  
which were aggravated by the shock re-  
ceived last Thursday when the Colonel  
slipped on the street and fractured a  
leg.

Mrs. Pepper, who has been ill for sev-  
eral days, was not told of her husband's  
death to-night. Colonel Pepper was fifty-  
five years of age.

## ICY FINGERS OF WINTER GRIP CITY

Whole Country, in Fact, Under Sweep of Cold Wave—  
Yesterday Severest Christmas Eve in History of Local  
Branch of Weather Bureau.

The frost king is giving Richmond a  
cold shake just now. Low temperatures  
prevail throughout the Eastern section  
of America. Virginia, while of course not  
the coldest spot on the map, is able to  
boast of temperatures varying from fifteen  
to twenty degrees below freezing point.  
At midnight the mercury in the tube  
was hugging the eighteen-point for dear  
life, apparently was losing its grip and  
going still further. Reports from various  
sections of the State told of the im-  
print of winter's icy fingers. According  
to the local branch of the United States  
Weather Bureau yesterday has the dis-  
tinction of being the coldest Christmas  
Eve in the history of the department  
here.

The weather, pitiless to the poor, oc-  
cupants of chilly and drear homes, to  
the thinly-clad and the thin-blooded peo-  
ple of advancing years, was in reality  
ideal for Christmas. The small boy but-  
tered his coat, pulled his cap down  
about his ears, put in his hands and  
took a fresh grip on the merriment of  
this chief of all festival occasions.

Bring to remembrance a keen, bitter  
wind upon the cheek a leaden sky and  
scouring clouds in the west, with here  
and there look, thin slices of crimson  
between; gray fields in the distance, hur-  
rying crowds in every street, and one  
last some faint idea of Christmas Eve,  
1906. The "cold gray dawn of the morn-  
ing after" promises to be a worthy com-  
panion of its predecessor. The forecast  
given out in Washington at midnight in-  
dicates for to-day a clear sky and an  
atmosphere no crisp and frosty that the  
stoutest will not be ashamed to take  
another, which is the forecast.

Three Days of Cold.  
WASHINGTON, December 24.—Accord-  
ing to Forecaster Henry, at the United  
States Weather Bureau, the present cold  
wave will continue for at least three  
days. The temperature at the Weather  
Bureau at 10 o'clock to-night was 15 above  
zero, and a drop to 12 above during the  
night is predicted. Heavy frosts have  
been reported as far south as Tampa,  
Fla., where the temperature to-night  
was 25 above zero.

The cold wave extends throughout the  
Southern States.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., December 24.—  
The government thermometer reached 24  
degrees above zero here to-day. The dam-  
ages to oranges and vegetables throughout  
the State is not yet known, but it is be-  
lieved the early vegetable crop is seriously  
damaged.

ATLANTA, GA., December 24.—The  
government thermometer here to-day  
touched 16 degrees above zero, the coldest  
by ten degrees of the season.

## TERRIBLE FIRE ON MORRIS NECK

Two Women and Two Children  
Burn to Death Two Nights  
Before Christmas.

NORFOLK, VA., December 24.—A fatal  
and terrible fire occurred on Morris Neck,  
in the Back Bay district of Princess  
Anne county, last night. The wife and  
child of Samuel Poyner, of Norfolk coun-  
ty, and the wife and child of William  
Grimstead, of Princess Anne county, were  
burned to death in the Grimstead home.

Messrs. Poyner and Grimstead slept in  
another part of the house until the fire  
which had cremated the women and chil-  
dren spread to the room in which they  
were, and awoke them barely in time for  
them to escape from the house in their  
night clothes, with the thermometer twenty  
degrees above zero.

The fire is supposed to have started  
from an overheated wood stove in the  
room in which the women and children  
were sleeping.

The Poyners, who had been visiting W.  
A. Poyner, a brother, at Pungo Ferry,  
Princess Anne, left there yesterday after-  
noon for the Grimstead home, Mrs. Grim-  
stead and Mrs. Poyner being sisters.

The charred bodies of the two women  
and children were moved from the debris  
by the husbands and fathers.

The Grimstead home was near where  
ex-President Grover Cleveland has fre-  
quently gunned a nine marshes of the  
Back Bay Gunning Club.

The husband of one of the victims is  
the brother of Policeman Richard Poyner,  
of Norfolk, living at 121 Maple Avenue,  
Brambleton.

## EXPOSITION LABORER BURNS TO DEATH

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, VA., December 24.—An ex-  
position laborer, name unknown, was  
burned to death in the Jamestown Ex-  
position Grounds to-night. Two tents oc-  
cupied by the victim and other laborers  
were destroyed. No other damage was  
done. It was the first fire that has oc-  
curred on the Exposition grounds.

## CENTRAL SCHOOL WON FIRST PRIZE

Awards Announced in The Times-  
Dispatch School Statuary  
Contests.

## SPRINGFIELD LANDS SECOND

Manchester School Nosed the  
High School Out for the  
Third Collection.

The fate of the statuary offered by  
The Times-Dispatch is at last decided,  
and a contest that will be memorable  
for its keenness has come to an end.  
In the contest for school decoration every  
school started out knowing that all could  
not win. Let the lucky winners be  
thankful and the losers congratulate the  
winners, so we shall "all be happy here-  
afterwards," as the story books have it.  
The winners of the principal prizes are:

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**  
First—Central School.  
Second—Springfield School.  
Third—Manchester School.  
Fourth—High School.  
**PRIVATE SCHOOLS.**  
First—Richmond Academy.  
**COUNTY SCHOOLS.**  
First—Eastern Heights.  
**COLORED SCHOOLS.**  
First—Navy Hill School.

In the public school division on the  
contest, it was pretty generally conceded  
for several weeks past that Central and  
Springfield would finish one and two.  
The organization of both pupils and  
teachers in collecting coupons was won-  
drous, and all participants are to be  
heartily congratulated. The third place  
in the competition was in doubt up to  
the very last. Manchester had been  
steadily accumulating votes, but the High  
School, with a larger roll of pupils, had  
been steadily gaining inch by inch.  
Manchester, however, managed to reach  
the storm, and finally landed third in  
the contest, and left the High School  
harder by a bigger margin than was ex-  
pected, High School taking the fourth  
collection.

Amongst the private schools, St. An-  
drew's has steadily held the lead ever  
since the start of the contest, and it seems  
very hard for them to be deposed at the  
eleventh hour. Still, Richmond Academy  
has been working hard all through, and  
with an extra spurt at the last, unlike  
their vanquished friend, which appar-  
ently had no extra spurt, won out in  
sensational style, landing the coveted trophy.

There was also a reversal of positions  
in the county school class. Barton Heights  
coming in with a lightning dash and  
winning, winning in a center with a  
large margin to spare, from Richmond.

The above, too, applies almost exactly to  
the colored schools. Baker, which has been  
holding first place by the skin of its  
teeth from Navy Hill, was passed com-  
ing into the straits, thus losing col-  
lection, No. 7. The winners in this class have  
also the distinction of handing in the  
largest number of votes at one time  
during the whole contest, and they only  
did it a few minutes before midnight on  
Saturday, the time of the closing of the  
polls.

Bethlehem Lutheran School was the last  
to get votes into the contest, a few  
being delivered just at noon by a mail  
from outside the city.

The management of The Times-Dispatch  
is gratified at the enthusiastic manner  
in which the contest was received and  
coming in with a lightning dash and  
winning, winning in a center with a  
large margin to spare, from Richmond.

The complete count of all the schools  
will be found on another page. The statu-  
ary has all arrived in Richmond and  
will be delivered to the successful con-  
testants according to their wish. Prin-  
ciples of schools are requested to com-  
municate with the Circulation Manager,  
Times-Dispatch, at the earliest possible  
moment, and their wishes as regards deliv-  
ery will be attended to.

## Sixteen Persons Drowned.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, December 24.—  
A sailboat with twenty-five persons was  
overturned this morning near Montego  
Bay. Sixteen of the passengers were  
drowned.

## TROOPS SENT TO PROTECT WHITES

Residents of the Town of  
Wahalak, Miss., Threat-  
ened by Negroes.

## CLASH OF RACES; TWO MAY BE KILLED

Trouble Due to One Negro Being  
Killed and Another Wounded  
by Conductor in Suppress-  
ing Trouble on His  
Train — Negro  
Kills Officer.

MERIDIAN, MISS., December 24.—Ac-  
cording to reports received here to-night  
the negro race riot around here com-  
menced about the town of Wahalak,  
forty miles north of this city, and this  
afternoon paraded the streets, threaten-  
ing vengeance on the whites because of  
the killing of one negro and the wound-  
ing of another by a conductor of a pas-  
senger train on the Mobile and Ohio  
Railroad yesterday, while the latter was  
attempting to quell a disturbance aboard  
his train.

At the town of Wahalak scarcely more  
than twenty-five white persons reside, and  
in response to a plea for protection, bat-  
tery I and Company 17, of the State militia,  
stationed in this, has been ordered to  
proceed to the scene.

They left aboard a special train at 10  
o'clock, and a battery of the regulars,  
carried a Gatling gun, and all the men  
are heavily armed.

At 8:30 o'clock to-night a message from  
Schoola, the first station south of the  
trouble, stated that a clash had occurred  
between the races, with the result that  
two white men were killed. This report,  
however, has not been verified, although  
railroad officials admit receiving a mes-  
sage detailing some additional trouble.

**Orbion of Trouble.**  
The trouble of yesterday morning origi-  
nated while the train was between Wah-  
alak and Schoola, in a fight between  
two negroes.

Conductor Cooper, who was in charge  
of the train, attempted to separate the  
combatants, when he was attacked by a  
negro known as Spencer. After re-  
ceiving several dangerous knife wounds,  
Cooper fired on his assailant, seriously  
wounding him and killing an unknown  
negro.

When Wahalak was reached, Spencer,  
though badly wounded, left the train,  
and when Constable O'Brien, of that  
place, attempted to capture him, the  
negro shot and killed the officer. Spencer  
then fled, with the wounds, with a posse  
in pursuit. At last reports the negro  
had not been captured.

## ATLANTA CLOSES SALOONS TO PREVENT RACE TROUBLE

ATLANTA, GA., December 24.—To avoid  
a possibility of race trouble, the city  
council has ordered that all saloons  
ordered all the saloons closed from 4  
o'clock to 6 o'clock to-day. The order  
was issued after several weeks of in-  
dignity have been heard that Christmas  
was the time to make the occasion of an  
attack upon the negroes in Atlanta. The  
rumor could not be traced to an authori-  
tative source, but the effect has been to  
drive many negroes from the city.

## KILLS MISS JONES AND THEN HIMSELF

Atlanta Man Shoots Down Young  
Woman and Then Ends His  
Own Life.

ATLANTA, GA., December 24.—Walter  
Hightower, a planter, to-day shot and  
killed instantly Miss Bessie Jones, aged  
eighteen years, and then fired a bullet  
into his own brain. He died several  
hours later. Hightower has a wife and  
three small children. Miss Jones had  
been an inmate of the Hightower home  
since last July, and between her and  
her murderer an infatuation was said to  
have existed, on account of which Miss  
Hightower had left her husband, return-  
ing later. Mrs. Hightower said her eight-  
year-old son to whom Miss Jones about  
8 o'clock. The boy discovered his father  
in the room with the young woman.  
When the father saw his son he fired the  
fatal shot.

## KEPT MINISTER BUSY ALL DAY

Not Less Than Five Couples Get  
Danville Preacher to Unite  
Them on Christmas Eve.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
DANVILLE, VA., December 24.—Yester-  
day was a record-breaking day in the  
matrimonial business for Rev. J. C. Hol-  
land, pastor of the Ken Street Baptist  
Church. During the day he united five  
couples as follows: Miss Lillian Stamp  
Williams and William Thomas Cooper,  
Miss Sallie Harrington and John Thomas  
Jennings, Miss Martha Jane Dixon and  
Robert Jeff Walker, Miss Alma F. Mor-  
gan and George P. Riley, Miss Blanche R.  
Crosby and Michael Everett. All of the  
parties were out. The authorities have  
in Danville except the last named, who  
will reside in Richmond.

## ONE SLAIN IN WOODS; ANOTHER ESCAPES SHOT

VINELAND, N. J., December 24.—John  
Bogio, of Mifflin, was found murdered  
yesterday in the woods near here. His  
throat was cut. The authorities have  
absolutely no trace of the murderer.  
John Bogio reported to-day that while  
passing through a lonely section not far  
from where the body was found, he was  
fired at out of the darkness, and was  
not hit. He took to his heels, and did  
not stop to investigate.